

Case Docket No.: VIA-14

In re Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.
Serial No.: 09/760,222
Filing Date: 01/12/2001
Title: TISSUE ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FASHIONING, SIZING AND IMPLANTING THE SAME
Examiner: William H. Mathews

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

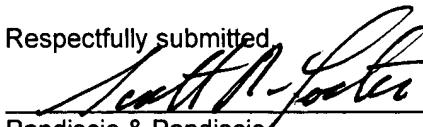
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AMENDMENT

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